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USDA Distributes Oral Rabies Vaccine on Cape Cod

YARMOUTH, Mass., Oct. 28, 2010 – Representatives from wildlife services (WS), a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and cooperators will be available to discuss Massachusetts' oral rabies vaccination bait distribution program.

The Cape Cod, Mass., project will cover parts of the state and distribute 11,313 baits by bait stations and 12,408 by hand in the towns of Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Chatham and Orleans.

Media representatives are invited to interview experts on wildlife rabies and view the fishmeal cube baits and coated sachets that are being distributed. For additional information concerning the raccoon oral rabies vaccine program, go to

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/oral_rabies/index.shtml.

Please call 1-866-4USDA-WS

(1-866-487-3297) for date and time for interviews.

Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 10 a.m. EDT

WHAT: WS Rabies Biologist, Brian Bjorklund, is available to discuss the

projects and display the baits.

WHERE: Yarmouth Division of Natural Resources

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